

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida
Public Service Commission
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA
Tuesday – April 20, 2021
Immediately Following Special Agenda
Room 148 – Betty Easley Conference Center

1. Legislative Updates
2. General Counsel's Report
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Other Matters

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III. Supplemental Materials for Internal Affairs

Note: The records reflect that there were no supplemental materials provided to the Commission during this Internal Affairs meeting.

IV. Transcript

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA

DATE: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

TIME: Commenced: 10:19 a.m.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. We will call
3 Internal Affairs to order and we are going to begin
4 today with legislative updates, and I believe Mr.
5 Potts is on the heel this morning, so Director
6 Baez, could you give us the report?

7 MR. BAEZ: You get the B Team today, sir.
8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good morning,
9 Commissioners.

10 The Session is gathering steam for the final
11 push next week. As you know, the last day is April
12 30th, Friday.

13 And as a quick moment of personal privilege, I
14 have to tell you, I haven't seen in my time at the
15 Commission, I haven't seen a time where this many
16 substantive bills where the Commission has actively
17 engaged -- and I say the Commission staff has
18 actively engaged and reached the floor, beyond the
19 verge of reaching the floor, and I will give you a
20 little update on those in a moment, but because I
21 may not have -- or we may not have another
22 opportunity before the session ends to recognize
23 the staff for their terrific efforts, I wanted to
24 do those -- I wanted to take a moment and do that.

25 We are a small agency. It is a -- it truly is

1 a team effort during session, and as I said before,
2 this session especially. Those were flying pretty
3 fast and furious. And so the effort demands
4 recognition all throughout the session from, first
5 and foremost, IDM, where many of our analysts do
6 the daily work of keeping track and analyzing the
7 constant changes through legislation that the
8 process provides.

9 To our subject matter experts that are
10 literally all over the agency, both on the
11 technical and the administrative side, they've done
12 a wonderful job and with quick responses to very,
13 very quickly changing effects by changes in
14 legislation that we have been monitoring.

15 To the deputy executive directors who -- who
16 make sense out of all of this, certainly for
17 this -- for this one here, I also thank you.

18 And last but not least, to the two legislative
19 folks that we have now on the hill, Adam Potts and
20 Kaley Slattery, who live and breath the process and
21 keep us abreast of change, they are our eyes and
22 ears down there, and I think they have done a
23 wonderful job and they deserve all the recognition
24 that they receive, and our thanks as well. And we
25 even had a little bit of pixie dust from the

1 Commission sometimes.

2 So it really is, in every sense, a team
3 effort, and I want to thank you all from top to
4 bottom at the agency for the help and the effort
5 and the interest.

6 Really quickly, as I said, we have been pretty
7 busy starting off there House Bill 1311, and which
8 has a companion of Senate Bill 7066. That contains
9 the process changes which allow the PSC to close
10 hearings to discuss confidential information. That
11 House Bill is being heard today on the House floor,
12 and tomorrow on the Senate. We look forward to
13 some good result there.

14 House Bill 1567 and Senate Bill 1994 is
15 companions which are the poll bills that you have
16 heard brought about both passed their final
17 committee stops yesterday, and so they are headed
18 to their respective chamber floors.

19 Also, House Bill 1051 and companion Senate
20 Bill 964, which are the environmental compliance
21 bills, the House passed the bill on the floor last
22 week and has been to the Senate, where it's
23 awaiting consideration. I think the Senate Bill is
24 scheduled to be heard on the floor later this week.

25 And lastly, House Bill 539 and its companion

1 Senate Bill 896, which is relating to renewable
2 natural gas, those are also moving. The House bill
3 is waiting to be heard on the House floor
4 presently, and the Senate will be heard in its
5 final committee stop today.

6 As I said, the last session is April 30th. If
7 any Commissioners have questions to any bills
8 moving this session, please reach out to Adam or
9 Kaley. They will be happy to sit with you and walk
10 you through things.

11 And I failed to mention perhaps my greatest
12 crutch of all is the Office of General Counsel.
13 Keith and his folks have been on the spot at every
14 moment to give us great breakdown of effects and
15 legal issues that are involved in these bills that
16 we are monitoring and active on, and I do owe him a
17 great debt. And so thank you, Keith and Mary Anne,
18 and your folks as well. So kudos all around.

19 That concludes the legislative update. If you
20 have any questions, I would be happy to answer
21 them.

22 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Any questions for
23 the Director?

24 All right, seeing none, let's move into the
25 General Counsel's report.

1 Mr. Hetrick.

2 MR. HETRICK: I have no particular report
3 today, Mr. Chair.

4 Thank you. I am available for any questions.

5 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Any questions for
6 Mr. Hetrick?

7 All right. Mr. Baez, give your report,
8 please.

9 MR. BAEZ: Changing hats.

10 Real quickly, the budget is still not
11 finalized, although we have been closed out. So
12 more on that as it becomes final on both sides.

13 If you do have questions, Commissioners, I
14 would be happy to sit with you individually and
15 discuss any changes that we are seeing.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. That was a quick
18 report today.

19 Any Commissioners have any items that they
20 would like to bring up at IA today?

21 Commissioner Graham.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Just informational one.
23 We are short one colleague. Do we know how
24 long the Governor's office has got to pick them?

25 MR. BAEZ: Commissioner, my understanding is

1 that the Governor has -- well, by process, he has
2 the short list of choices to nominate from at the
3 moment. I think, as the law stands now, I think
4 that it's a 30-day clock.

5 And I am trying to recall what the date was.
6 I believe the list was -- the interviews were held
7 on the 12th, and the list was forwarded shortly
8 thereafter, so either that very day, the 12th, or
9 the 13th, the Governor's Office was put on the
10 clock. So 30 days out, that puts us in the -- in
11 the early second week of May as to the statutory
12 time limit.

13 In terms of how soon the Governor's Office
14 would make a nomination, that's not information
15 that certainly we are privy to. It's anybody's
16 guess.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: And does that person
18 take -- do they take over immediately, or is there
19 a timeframe before they take over?

20 MR. BAEZ: No. I believe right after the
21 nomination, if I remember correctly, the day of the
22 nomination, they are eligible to, you know, take
23 the oath and sit in the chair.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. That's my only
25 question, Mr. Chairman.

1 MR. BAEZ: Confirmation comes later at the
2 next full session of the Legislature.

3 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Great.

4 All right. Any other questions? Comments?

5 All right. Seeing none, we will stand
6 adjourned.

7 Thank you for your attendance.

8 (Proceedings concluded.)

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